

REMARKS


The restriction requirement of June 11, 2004 is traversed because independent method claim 1 ("group I") is identical to apparatus claim 11 ("group II") with the exception of grammatical differences between a process claim and a corresponding apparatus claim (e.g., "establishing," "holding," etc.). In order to expedite prosecution and obviate this issue, however, "group II" is elected with traverse. Though the Examiner may allege some semantic distinction between claims 1 and 11 in support of the assertion that claim 11 fails to encompass the "ABS/Traction Control hydraulic system for an automobile or with a well bore valve system" while claim 1 does encompass them (which seems impossible), it is noted that in any case, new claim 21 unequivocally differs from claim 11 (from which it depends) solely in that it is drawn to the corresponding method of use, thus precluding any conceivable distinction under MPEP 806.05(e).

It is noted that the restriction requirement includes an error on its face with respect to the further subdivision of each of groups I and II, as it states that claims 7-10 of "group I" and claims 14 and 15 of "group II" are directed to "an electronic detonator." Each of those claims is expressly directed to "an electronic blasting system" - NOT "an electronic detonator." It is therefore impossible to respond to the restriction requirement on its terms and choose between two groups part of one of which does not exist. In order to expedite prosecution, however, on the basis that the claimed "electronic blasting system" qualifies as a "computer communication system" while "an electronic detonator" does not, the species of claims 11-17 and 21-25 is elected with traverse.

It is noted that withdrawn claims are subject to reinstatement at such time as pertinent linking claims are found allowable. It is believed that no fees are due with the present response, but if any fee is required, it is hereby requested that such fees be charged to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 502502.

Respectfully submitted,

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